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### § 286. Establishment

There is established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the Legislative Classification Office, referred to herein after in this chapter as the “Office”.

(Pub. L. 93-554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203(a) of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93-554.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 101 of Pub. L. 93-554 provided that the enactment of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, into permanent law is effective on Jan. 2, 1975. This chapter is derived from enactment into permanent law of section 203 of House Resolution No. 988.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Office of the Law Revision Counsel, establishment, purpose, functions, etc., see section 285 et seq. of this title.

### § 286a. Purpose and policy

The purpose of the Office shall be to develop, supervise, and maintain for the House and its committees and Members a system linking Federal programs and expenditures to the authorizing statutes, and showing the committee jurisdiction for each authorization. The Office shall maintain impartiality as to issues of legislative policy to be determined by the House.

(Pub. L. 93-554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203(b) of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93-554.

### § 286b. Functions

The functions of the Office shall be as follows:

(1) To create a cross-reference capability based on the authorization statutes, showing committee jurisdiction, appropriation Acts, budget authority, budget outlays, unexpended balances, other relevant systems which are or may be compatible, and the relationships between them, under the direction of the Speaker.

(2) To work closely with the House standing committees in all phases of the development of the cross-referencing capability and to coordinate with the Congressional Research Service and General Accounting Office, in the de-

velopment, implementation, and operation of the cross-referencing service.

(3) To advise the Speaker of developments which could improve the operation of the classification service and to issue an annual report to the House on the progress in implementation and use of the service, and plans for the coming year.

(4) To make available (as development permits) publications or information in an appropriate format for use of the House committees and Members and to provide the capability to answer specific queries on the available information.

(Pub. L. 93-554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203(c) of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93-554.

### § 286c. Staff Director

The management, supervision, and administration of the Office are vested in a Staff Director, who shall be appointed by the Speaker without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker.

(Pub. L. 93-554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203(d) of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93-554.

### § 286d. Staff; Deputy Staff Director; delegation of functions

(1) With the approval of the Speaker, or in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker, the Staff Director shall appoint such employees as may be necessary for the prompt and efficient performance of the functions of the Office. Any such appointment shall be made without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so appointed may be removed by the Staff Director with the approval of the Speaker, or in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker.

(2)(A) One of the employees appointed under paragraph (1) shall be designated by the Staff Director as Deputy Staff Director. During the absence or disability of the Staff Director, or when the office is vacant, the Deputy Staff Director shall perform the functions of the Staff Director.

(B) The Staff Director may delegate to the Deputy Staff Director and to other employees appointed under paragraph (1) such of his or her functions as he or she considers necessary or appropriate.

(Pub. L. 93-554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203(e) of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93-554.

**§ 286e. Compensation**

The Staff Director shall be paid at a per annum gross rate not to exceed level IV of the Executive Schedule of section 5315 of title 5; and members of the staff of the Office other than the Staff Director shall be paid at per annum gross rates fixed by the Staff Director with the approval of the Speaker or in accordance with policies approved by the Speaker, but not in excess of a per annum gross rate equal to level V of such schedule.

(Pub. L. 93–554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203(f) of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93–554.

**§ 286f. Expenditures**

In accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker, the Staff Director is authorized to make such expenditures as may be necessary or appropriate for the functioning of the Office.

(Pub. L. 93–554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203(g) of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93–554.

**§ 286g. Availability of contingent fund of House**

Until such time as funds are appropriated by law to carry out the purpose of this chapter, the contingent fund of the House shall be available for such purpose.

(Pub. L. 93–554, title I, ch. III, §101, Dec. 27, 1974, 88 Stat. 1777.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 203(h) of House Resolution No. 988, Ninety-third Congress, Oct. 8, 1974, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 93–554.

**CHAPTER 9C—OFFICE OF PARLIAMENTARIAN OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**§ 287. Establishment**

There is hereby established in the House of Representatives an office to be known as the Office of the Parliamentarian, hereinafter in this chapter referred to as the “Office”.

(Pub. L. 95–94, title I, §115, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 668.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 1 of House Resolution No. 502, Ninety-fifth Congress, Apr. 20, 1977, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95–94.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 6 of House Resolution No. 502, Apr. 20, 1977, as enacted into permanent law by section 115 of Pub. L.

95–94, provided that: “This resolution [this chapter] shall take effect as of March 1, 1977, and shall continue in effect until otherwise provided by law.”

**§ 287a. Parliamentarian**

The management, supervision, and administration of the Office shall be vested in the Parliamentarian, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so appointed shall serve at the pleasure of the Speaker.

(Pub. L. 95–94, title I, §115, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 668.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 2 of House Resolution No. 502, Ninety-fifth Congress, Apr. 20, 1977, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95–94.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Parliamentarian to compile precedents of House, see sections 28 and 29 of this title.

**§ 287b. Staff; Deputy Parliamentarian; delegation of functions**

(a) With the approval of the Speaker, or in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker, the Parliamentarian shall appoint such attorneys and other employees as may be necessary for the prompt and efficient performance of the functions of the Office. Any such appointment shall be made without regard to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness to perform the duties of the position. Any person so appointed may be removed by the Parliamentarian with the approval of the Speaker, or in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the Speaker.

(b)(1) One of the attorneys appointed under subsection (a) of this section shall be designated by the Parliamentarian as Deputy Parliamentarian. During the absence or disability of the Parliamentarian, or when the office is vacant, the Deputy Parliamentarian shall perform the functions of the Parliamentarian.

(2) The Parliamentarian may delegate to the Deputy Parliamentarian and to other employees appointed under subsection (a) of this section such of the functions of the Parliamentarian as the Parliamentarian considers necessary or appropriate.

(Pub. L. 95–94, title I, §115, Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 668.)

## CODIFICATION

Section is based on section 3 of House Resolution No. 502, Ninety-fifth Congress, Apr. 20, 1977, which was enacted into permanent law by Pub. L. 95–94.

**§ 287c. Compensation**

(a) The Parliamentarian shall be paid at a per annum gross rate established by the Speaker but not in excess of the rate of basic pay determined from time to time under subsection (b) of section 3 of the Speaker’s salary directive of June 11, 1968.

(b) Members of the staff of the Office other than the Parliamentarian shall be paid at per